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Clockmakers Shop
Waterford,
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

WILLIAM & SARAH NETTLE HOUSE (CLOCKMAKER'S HOUSE AND SHOP) HABS No. VA-787

Location: West side of Second Street, between Patrick and Church Streets, Waterford, Loudoun County Virginia

Present Owner and Occupant: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Akre

Present Use: Residence

Date of Eastment: May 18, 1976

Statement of Significance: The William and Sarah Nettle House is a small brick structure with Federal style details. The simplicity of design demonstrates Waterford's relatively uniform building techniques and the prevailing local architecture.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: The William and Sarah Nettle House was probably constructed in 1817, just after the land was purchased by William Nettle in 1816.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: In 1803 Edward Dorsey purchased 2-3/4 acres of land from Mahlon Janney, sone of the founder of Waterford, Amos Janney. The lot known as "Dorsey's Grass Lot" was located on Second Street and extended to Janney's Mill race. In 1816 Dorsey sold 1/4 acre to William Nettle for \$125.00. The house was erected before 1824 when Nettle sold it to David Conrad for \$1,500.00; the land was conveyed with a "brick dwelling thereon."
4. Historical events and personages: The second owner of the house was David Conrad, a Waterford merchant and farm owner. Conrad also served as Postmaster of Waterford. Nathan Walker, third owner of the house, was a Waterford businessman, mill owner, and the first president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company which is still in business today.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The William and Sarah Nettle House is a small, three bay brick structure executed in the Federal style. It is a scaled down version of the earlier and popular Federal style.
2. Condition of fabric: Very good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Stone.
2. Wall construction: The walls are brick laid in Flemish bond.
3. Chimneys: Two brick inside end chimneys are located on the northeast and southwest walls. Both have a three brick corbel course.
4. Porches, Stoops, Terraces: The front door is reached by four progressively smaller stone steps with an iron rail. A porch with gable roof is located at the rear.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doors and doorways: The main door is situated at the center bay of the main or southeast facade. The door has six recessed panels with a three light rectangular transom. Pilasters surround the door and support a triangular pediment. A second door is located at the porch.
 - b. Windows and shutters. The Nettle House has double hung sash windows with six-over-six lights on the southeast facade. Each window has white painted trim with large white stone keystone lintels. The two windows on the first floor have brick sills, painted white. All shutters are painted black and louvered. Two windows are located on the southwest and northeast walls. In addition, two small four light windows are placed at the attic beneath the gable ends.
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape and covering: The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal coated with asphalt.
 - b. Cornice and eaves: The Nettle House has a white wood cornice on the southeast facade.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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